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Franz Werfel's Novel And Solomon Schechter's Life Are Sermon Themes For January 3 And 10

On Friday evening, Jan. 3, Rabbi Steinberg will speak on the subject, "Life, Death and Immortality—Thoughts Suggested by Franz Werfel's *Embezzled Heaven*." Rabbi Steinberg does not intend to review the novel as a novel—a presentation which he has already made before the Women's Book Review Group. He does, however, wish to discuss some of the attitudes which the novel seemingly affirms, such as Werfel's apparent yearning toward an authoritarian religion, his

morbid preoccupation with death, and the particular concept of immortality which he feels men of the twentieth century require. It is literally of life, death and immortality that Werfel's novel speaks. It is these three large themes with which Rabbi Steinberg will treat.

Dec. 11, 1940 marked the twenty-fifth Yahrzeit of the death of Solomon Schechter, great rabbinical scholar and president of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Few men have left so deep an imprint on American Jewish life as has this man who was scholar, academician and philosopher all in one. What was his message and contribution to American Judaism? It is this question which Rabbi Steinberg will answer in his sermon.

Bardin to Speak

Special attention of the congregation is called to the Friday evening of Jan. 17 when, under the auspices of the Committee on Adult Education, the pulpit is to be occupied by Dr. Shlomo Bardin, author of *Pioneer Youth in Palestine*, founder of the Haifa Technical High School and Principal of the Haifa Nautical School. Dr. Bardin, a warm, colorful and gifted lecturer, is to speak on "The New Jew of Palestine." The Oneg Shabbat which follows will be devoted to the Palestine theme.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weill

The entire congregation joins wholeheartedly in extending its felicitations to Mr. Charles Weill, its First Vice-President, and to Mrs. Rose Weill on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Even those of the readers of THE SCROLL who have never met the Weills intimately must have felt the influence of their personalities through their Synagogue associations. Mr. Weill as First Vice-President of the congregation is almost invariably on the pulpit at public worship; Mrs. Weill is with equal regularity in the pews. Indeed, Mr. Weill has become a landmark not only on the pulpit but in the administrative affairs of the congregation as well.

For eleven years Mr. Weill has occupied his present official post and before that time he served for twenty years as President of Congregation Atereth Israel, which in 1926 merged with the present Park Avenue Synagogue. Among their other contributions to the life of the Synagogue, Mr. and Mrs. Weill have brought into our midst Mrs. Ezra Cohen, their daughter, and Mr. Milton Weill, their son and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

In token of its affection and esteem, the congregation will present on Saturday eve-

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

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- Friday evening service, Jan. 3, 8:30 p.m.
Oneg Shabbat in Vestry
- Saturday morning service, Jan. 4, 9:30 a.m.
Junior Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 5, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School classes
- Monday, Jan. 6
Red Cross group—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Adult Education Classes
- Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 7
Sisterhood Executive Board meeting
- Tuesday evening, Jan. 7
Senior League meeting
- Friday evening service, Jan. 10, 8:30 p.m.
Oneg Shabbat in Vestry
- Saturday morning service, Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m.
Junior Congregation—10:30 a.m.
- Sunday morning, Jan. 12, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School classes
- Monday, Jan. 13
Red Cross group—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Adult Education Classes

—CONGRATULATIONS

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ning, Jan. 4, at the family celebration in their honor the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Charles and Rose Weill have completed fifty years of a happy marital companionship and have, during this half century, raised their children to noble citizenship and Jewish devotion;
WHEREAS, they have all through the years manifested kindness, honor, consideration, a high sense of civic responsibility, and an unswerving attachment to the Jewish traditions; and
WHEREAS, Charles Weill has for eleven years served as the First Vice-President of the Park Avenue Synagogue and for twenty years as President of Congregation Atereth Israel, which is now incorporated within it, and has in both positions exhibited wisdom of counsel and inspiring leadership.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Park Avenue Synagogue extends its loving felicitations to Charles and Rose Weill and their family, together with its appreciation of their service to Israel and mankind; and that it invokes God's blessing upon them for life, health, happiness and a career of continued usefulness to the community, Jewish and general.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue has caused this Resolution to be inscribed.

Musical Service to Be Dedicated to Rogers

The major part of the musical service for Friday night, Jan. 3, will be dedicated to the memory of James H. Rogers, well-known pianist, organist, critic, and composer, who died Nov. 28 last at the age of 83.

Mr. Rogers was the organist and musical director of the Euclid Avenue Temple of Cleveland for fifty years and music critic of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

Although not of the Hebrew faith, he had an innate sense of admiration for ancient traditional Synagogue music. This influence was greatly reflected in the services which he composed for the Synagogue.

To his memory and in recognition of his musical contributions to the Synagogue, the *Service for Sabbath Evening* by James H. Rogers will be sung.

The music for the Jan. 10 Friday services follows:

L'cho Dodi	Nowakowsky
Borchu	Rogers
Shma	Rogers
Mi Chomocho	Rogers
V'Shomru	Zilberts
May the Words	Rogers
Kiddish	Putterman
Vaanachnu	Rogers

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Temple Tid Bits . . .

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Names in the News

Whenever we get ready to do our stint we see the BARNEY BALABAN name in print! MR. BALABAN's donation of a library to the Hillel Foundation at Brooklyn College makes the headlines, as does his purchase of the original autographed mss. of *My Country 'Tis of Thee* for \$1,500.00, the proceeds of which will go to the American Red Cross fund for British war sufferers . . . Did you see the court-room caricature in *PM* of ABRAHAM GELLER, counsel for the stockholders in the suit vs. the American Tobacco Co.? Judging from his past, we know that MR. GELLER's efforts in this Lady Nicotine episode won't go up in smoke . . . MRS. LEONARD ARKIN's article in *The Sun* . . . She never hesitates to use her quill when she has some truth she wants to instill.

Discovery of the Week

That MOE GALE, the "Darktown Impresario", is responsible for most of the swelllegant merriment emanating from Harlemania. MR. GALE is the manager of the popular Ink Spots and other Hottentots, and is the owner of the Savoy Ballroom, where the most important part of the dance is the stance.

An Afternoon Swell Spent

MRS. BENJAMIN SACK's tea last Saturday for Gary Graffman, the 12 year old wizard of the ivories, who is going to Town Hall-it on Feb. 15 . . .

Give and Ye Shall Receive

The truth of this time honored maxim was evidenced when MRS. WILLIAM HELLER, administrator and benefactor of Izrah's Nursery School Project, won the much coveted Treasure Chest . . .

A Precious Milestone

We are happy to have the golden opportunity of congratulating the CHARLES WEILL's whose fiftieth wedding anniversary is being celebrated this week . . .

Random Notes

The PUTTERMAN cherubs proudly displaying a greeting card they received from their summer neighbors and playmates, the F.P.A. youngsters . . . A welcome to MRS.

EMILY RIEGER, wife of the late Rabbi Paul Rieger, who was to have occupied the pulpit as Assistant Rabbi . . . The brilliant table talk at the PETER STOVIN Bar Mitzvah reception, where some of New York's most prominent citizens spent the afternoon rhapsodizing about MILTON STEINBERG. Were we proud . . .

Quotable Quotes

MRS. CLARA LEHMAN hurrying to her new home to keep an appointment with her "inferior decorator" . . .

Hats Off

To the COMMITTEE ON ADULT EDUCATION and to CANTOR PUTTERMAN for making possible the OSCAR JULIUS Choir service on Friday night. The song is over but the memory lingers on . . .

New Additions to Our Membership

The LEONARD H. GOLDENSONS, the LUDWIG ISAACS, the HAROLD KELLERS and the MAXWELL M. WALZERS . . .

Get Well Quick Wishes

To MRS. HANNAH HONIG . . .

Condolences of the Congregation

To SAUL HOROWITZ on the loss of his brother . . .

Happy New Year Wishes

To each and every one of you.

Coteries Join to Hear Address on Zionism

The Coteries held a joint meeting on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22, at which time Miss Lillian Schoolman, president of Hunter College Avukah, spoke on Zionism. Miss Schoolman's talk was very provocative and led to a lively question period.

A Plea for Sewing Machines

The Red Cross Sewing Circle which meets at the Synagogue every Monday needs additional sewing machines. Any reader of THE SCROLL who has a sewing machine available is requested to communicate with Mrs. Sarah Botein.

New Oneg Shabbat Comm. Begins Programming

The conduct of the Oneg Shabbat hitherto under the auspices of an independent committee has been transferred to a special sub-committee of a program division of the Sisterhood. Officers of the Oneg Shabbat committee are as follows: Mrs. William Karmiol, chairman; Mrs. Esther Friedman, Chairman of Hostesses; Mrs. Alex Ostriker, Chairman of Program, and Mesdames J. Michael Wiener and Louis L. Shapiro, members at large.

The Oneg Shabbat committee plans one extraordinary Oneg Shabbat to be conducted each month, the program of which is to carry out in various forms the motif of the Friday evening sermon. The first such extraordinary Oneg Shabbat is to take place on Friday evening, Jan. 17. Its theme is to be *Palestine in Song and Art*, carrying out the general tenor of the message to be delivered by Dr. Shlomo Bardin, who is to be the guest lecturer that evening. The normal form of the Oneg Shabbat will be maintained uninterrupted at all other Friday evening services.

Hostesses for the Oneg Shabbat of Jan. 3 are to be: Mesdames William Karmiol, Fred Abrams, Hermine Berger, Samuel Wohl and Esther Friedman.

Dr. Brill to Address Meeting of Adult Classes

The Adult Classes have scheduled meetings for Jan. 6, 13 and 27. In the major lecture course devoted to Jewish personalities who have influenced civilization, Rabbi Steinberg has completed the survey of religious and ethical teachers whose imprint has been left on the western world.

The major lecture course turns now to Jews who have influenced civilization in the realms of literature and science. On Monday evening, Jan. 6, Rabbi Steinberg is to discuss the Jew as a man of letters, with Heinrich Heine offered as a type instance; on Jan. 13 he is to treat with the Jew as a scientist, with Albert Einstein as a type in-

Change Of Address

The office of the Synagogue respectfully requests that all members, seatholders and general affiliates who contemplate changing their addresses notify the office immediately in order to keep Synagogue mailing records up-to-date.

Senior League Plans for New Year's Activities

Events of interest to the Temple and to the community at large have marked the half-year milestone of the Senior League. Most important of these affairs was the cocktail dance held Dec. 8 at the Belmont Plaza. So successful was the occasion that a very substantial contribution was turned over to the American Red Cross.

Among the more interesting open meetings were addresses to the group by Congressman Kenneth Simpson and Assemblyman Robert F. Wagner; Detective Charles Meyers of the Missing Persons Bureau; Rabbi Steinberg and others. A famous dance team gave an exhibition and group instruction in rumba and conga. Many prominent song writers and composers contributed their talents to making Song-Writers-on-Parade Night a success.

Affairs of a similar nature and others broader in scope are being planned for the second half of this year's season with Sports on Parade being planned for the very near future.

stance; and on Jan. 27 Dr. A. A. Brill, noted psychoanalyst, translator of the works of Freud, is to discuss Sigmund Freud and Alfred Adler, pioneers in the realm of the psychological.

The Auxiliary Courses continue their regular schedule. The seminar on *The Problems of the Religious Life* and Elementary Hebrew during the first period, 7:30 to 8:20 p.m., the Choral Group and Bible Study from 8:20 to 9:10 p.m.